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JOHN FRED, DALE AND GRACE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES AT SIXTH ANNUAL DELTA MUSIC FESTIVAL

VINCE VANCE HEADLINING FESTIVAL

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is announcing the schedule of festivities for the Sixth Annual Delta Music Festival on April 7 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in downtown Ferriday. This year's inductees, the late John Fred Gourrier and Dale Houston and Grace Broussard of Dale and Grace, will have exhibits dedicated to them within the museum and receive a star on the museum's "Walk of Fame" sidewalk. Admission is \$3.

After music by talent from across the state, Dale and Grace will perform, followed by the induction ceremony. Vince Vance and the Valiants will headline the show.

Previously known as the Ferriday Museum and housed in the old post office, the Delta Music Museum is located in Concordia Parish just minutes away from historic Natchez, Miss. The building, completed in 1940, was remodeled in 2001 to accommodate the museum's exhibits. Many of the building's original features have been restored and help create a special nostalgic ambience for visitors. The museum's exhibits focus on the history and culture of the Louisiana-Mississippi Delta region's music, including interactive music kiosks and mannequins.

Other inductees into the museum's Hall of Fame include Jimmie Davis, Fats Domino, Mickey Gilley, Allen "Puddler" Harris, Clarence "Frogman" Henry, Johnny Horton, Jerry Lee Lewis, Aaron Neville, Percy Sledge, Jimmy Swaggart, Irma Thomas, Conway Twitty and Leon "PeeWee" Whittaker.

The Delta Music Museum is located at 218 Louisiana Ave. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information about the Delta Music Museum and the Secretary of State's Museums Program, please visit our Web site at http://sos.louisiana.gov/delta.

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